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# West Kesteven Rural District Council.

Reconstituted under the Parts of Kesteven (Alteration of Districts and Parishes) Order, 1930.

## LIST OF PARISHES :

Allington	Hougham
Ancaster	Hough-on-the-Hill
Barkston	Ingoldsby
Barrowby	Lenton, Keisby and Osgodby
Belton and Manthorpe	Little Ponton and Stroxton
Bitchfield and Bassingthorpe	Londonthorpe and Harrowby Without
Boothby Pagnell	Long Bennington
Braceby and Sapperton	Marston
Burton Coggles	Normanton
Carlton Scroop	North Witham
Caythorpe	Old Somerby
Claypole	Pickworth
Colsterworth	Ropsley and Humby
Denton	Sedgebrook
Easton	Skillington
Fenton	South Witham
Foston	Stoke Rochford
Fulbeck	Stubton
Great Gonerby	Syston
Great Ponton	Welby
Gunby and Stainby	Westborough and Dry Doddington
Harlaxton	Woolsthorpe
Haydor	Wyville-cum-Hungerton
Honington	

# West Kesteven Rural District Council.

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## HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE.

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20 Members——quorum 5.

Mr J. W. MILNER, J.P., Chairman.

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Rev. C. ST. JOHN WRIGHT



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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## STAFF.

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*Medical Officer of Health :*

C. H. D. ROBBS, M.B.

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*Chief Sanitary Inspector :*

G. L. ROBINSON, M.I.M. & CY.E., M S.I.A.,  
Certificated Inspector of Meat and other Foods,  
also Water Engineer and Surveyor.

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*Additional Sanitary Inspector :*

J. DEAN, A.R.S.I.

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*Junior Assistant :*

A. R. HOLMES.

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*Clerk :*

R. P. COX.

# West Kesteven Rural District Council.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 1938.

Population (Estimated for the year)...	...	15,050
Area ... ..	...	122,406 acres
Rateable Value ... ..	...	£53,113
Estimated product of penny rate ...	...	£226
Isolation Hospital, Whalebone Lane, Little Ponton	...	8 Beds

		<b>Total.</b>		<b>Males.</b>		<b>Females.</b>
<b>BIRTHS</b> ... ..	...	249	...	117	...	132
Legitimate	...	231	...	107	...	124
Illegitimate	...	18	...	10	...	8
Stillbirths	...	9	...	5	...	4
<b>DEATHS</b> ... ..	...	192	...	104	...	88
Infantile Deaths	...	16	...	10	...	6
Legitimate	...	13	...	9	...	4
Illegitimate	...	3	...	1	...	2
<b>BIRTH RATE</b> ... ..	...	...	16·5	per 1,000 per annum		
Average for England and Wales			15·1	„	„	
<b>CRUDE DEATH RATE</b> ...			12·9	„	„	
<b>ADJUSTED DEATH RATE</b> ...			10·8	„	„	
Average for England and Wales			11·6	„	„	
<b>INFANTILE DEATH RATE</b>			68·0	„	„	
Average for England and Wales			53·0	„	„	



VINE HOUSE,  
GRANTHAM,  
*June, 1939.*

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary condition of the Rural District for the year 1938.

The population of the district is estimated at 15,050, a slight decrease on that of the former year. There has been quite an appreciable increase in the number of births, which was 249 compared with 191 in 1937. Deaths were rather higher, 192 as against 180, and the infantile death rate 68 per 1,000 births was not so satisfactory. The list of causes of death is appended. Two deaths only were attributable to influenza, Pulmonary Tuberculosis was responsible for 7 deaths, and Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis for 1. There were 11 deaths from Pneumonia, and one only was attributable to childbirth. As was the case last year no deaths were attributed to Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria or Whooping Cough. Heart Disease and Cancer as usual form a large proportion of the causes of death.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

The appointment of an additional Sanitary Inspector was an important event in the year, and it will be seen by Mr. Robinson's report that the large amount of work in connection with Housing and other routine could not possibly have been accomplished without Mr. Dean's skilled help.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The year will be remembered for the fact that a water supply to the village of Barrowby has at last been obtained from the Grantham Waterworks Company, and a problem which has worried successive Medical Officers of Health for 50 years has been solved.

Further particulars with regard to water supplies, and also many interesting points in connection with Housing, in regard to which your District may fairly be said to have established a reputation both for the erection of new houses and also for reconditioning under the Housing Rural Workers' Act, 1926, will be found, following the Sanitary Inspector's report, and the usual records of inspections and work carried out are appended.

## INFECTIOUS DISESES.

The list of notifications during the year is as follows :—

Scarlet Fever	...	32
Diphtheria	...	2
Pneumonia	...	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	3
Erysipelas	...	8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	4
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	2
Total	...	58

An epidemic of Scarlet Fever at Colsterworth, consisting of 9 cases, was the chief problem of the year, a refusal to accept hospital treatment in two cases probably prolonging the epidemic. There were also cases in several other Villages. 15 of the cases were sent to Isolation Hospital.

It will be seen that there were only a few notifications of other infectious diseases.

One of the two cases of Diphtheria was sent to Bourne Isolation Hospital. The solitary case of acute poliomyelitis received treatment at Grantham Hospital. The three cases of puerperal fever all received Hospital Treatment.

### TUBERCULOSIS.

Again there is a very good record, there being only six notifications, 4 of pulmonary and 2 of non-pulmonary disease. These will be found tabulated in age columns.

The usual tables are inserted and the position as regards Housing and other important points is incorporated in the report following the Sanitary Inspector's letter.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. D. ROBBS,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

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## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Diseases		0 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 45	45 to 65	Over 65	Total	Admitted to Hospital
Scarlet Fever	...	11	18	3	...	...	32	15
Diphtheria	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	1
Pneumonia	...	...	1	1	3	...	5	...
Ophthalmia								
Neonatorum	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	3
Erysipelas	...	...	...	5	3	...	8	...
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Tuberculosis	...		at	all	ages		4	...
(Pulmonary)								
Tuberculosis	...		at	all	ages		2	...
(Non-Pulmonary)								
							58	

## TUBERCULOSIS

## New Cases and Mortality during 1938

Age Periods			NEW CASES				DEATHS			
			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
35	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	1	...	...
45	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1
Totals	...	...	1	3	...	2	4	3	...	1



# Causes of Death in West Kesteven Rural District, 1938.

CAUSES OF DEATH.				MALE	FEMALE
All Causes	...	...	...	104	88
1 Typhoid fever, etc.	...	...	...	—	—
2 Measles	...	...	...	—	—
3 Scarlet fever	...	...	...	—	—
4 Whooping cough	...	...	...	—	—
5 Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—
6 Influenza	...	...	...	2	—
7 Encephalitis lethargica	...	...	...	1	—
8 Cerebo-Spinal fever	...	...	...	—	—
9 Respiratory Tuberculosis	...	...	...	4	3
10 Other Tuberculosis	...	...	...	—	1
11 Syphilis	...	...	...	—	—
12 General paralysis of insane, etc.	...	...	...	—	—
13 Cancer	...	...	...	9	12
14 Diabetes	...	...	...	2	1
15 Cerebral haemorrhage	...	...	...	7	11
16 Heart disease	...	...	...	21	26
17 Aneurysm	...	...	...	1	—
18 Other circulatory diseases	...	...	...	8	5
19 Bronchitis	...	...	...	3	—
20 Pneumonia	...	...	...	7	4
21 Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	—	—
22 Peptic ulcer	...	...	...	2	—
23 Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	...	...	...	—	—
24 Appendicitis	...	...	...	—	1
25 Cirrhosis of liver	...	...	...	—	—
26 Other liver diseases	...	...	...	—	—
27 Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	2	1
28 Nephritis	...	...	...	4	—
29 Puerperal sepsis	...	...	...	—	—
30 Other puerperal diseases	...	...	...	—	1
31 Congenital causes, etc.	...	...	...	7	5
32 Senility	...	...	...	7	9
33 Suicide	...	...	...	1	—
34 Other violence	...	...	...	4	1
35 Other defined causes	...	...	...	12	7
36 Ill-defined causes	...	...	...	—	—
Special Causes (included in No. 35 above) —					
Small Pox	...	...	...	—	—
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—
Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	—	—
Deaths of Infants under 1 year —					
Total	...	...	...	10	6
Legitimate	...	...	...	9	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	1	2
LIVE BIRTHS —					
Total	...	...	...	117	132
Legitimate	...	...	...	107	124
Illegitimate	...	...	...	10	8
STILL BIRTHS —					
Total	...	...	...	5	4
Legitimate	...	...	...	5	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—

# **Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1938.**

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

19, WATERGATE,

GRANTHAM.

*To the Chairman and Members of the West Kesteven  
Rural District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my third Annual Report of Work carried out during the year, ending 31st December, 1938.

Once again I have to report upon what has been a year of great activity in all the various branches of the Department. As will be seen in the statistics detailed in my Report, considerable work has been done in connection with Housing in the district, and an even larger number of houses have been reconditioned than during the year 1937, towards which your appointment of an additional Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. Dean, who commenced his work in September and has proved to be well versed in all the duties pertaining to his office, has largely resulted.

As in common with other Departments of the Council, work in the Closing months of the year under review has been much retarded by duties in connection with Air Raid Precautions which have fallen upon Local Authorities generally.



Even so, every effort has been made to keep up the inspection of Meat and Other Foods and Cowsheds and Dairies, and as will be seen this has been done, the number of inspections of slaughterhouses and foodshops considerably exceeding the previous years total.

I would take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for the continued consideration and support that I have received in the execution of my varied duties and also to the Clerk of the Council, who takes a great interest in the work of the Department and whose valued advice is always so readily given.

The Staff of my Department have also greatly assisted by their loyal co-operation and the diligent way in which they have carried out their duties, which have been particularly arduous, necessitating frequently long hours.

I am, Sir, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. L. ROBINSON,

*Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector.*

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## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

The total number of inspections carried out during the year were 4,042, details of which are appended in the following table :—

Dwelling Houses inspected under the Housing Regulations, 1925	...	301
Ordinary Inspections for Housing Defects	... ..	277
Re-inspections and visits to work in progress (including reconditioning of houses under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926	...	466
Inspections of New Buildings (Supervision under the Building Bye-Laws)	... ..	341
Inspection of Workshops including Bakehouses	... ..	51
Inspection of Slaughterhouses and Foodshops	... ..	612
Inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies	... ..	299
Samples of Milk taken for analysis	... ..	7
Inspection of Petroleum Stores	... ..	21
Inspection re Water Supply	... ..	360
Samples of Water taken for analysis	... ..	45
Inspections re Overcrowding	... ..	19
Routine Inspection and supervision of Council House Repairs	...	335
Inspection of Sewer Dykes and supervision	... ..	79
Inspections re Infectious disease and rooms disinfected	... ..	61
Number of drains tested	... ..	94
Inspections re Scavenging Work	... ..	58
Inspections re Sewage Disposal Work	... ..	85
Inspection of Moveable Dwellings	... ..	1
Inspections in connection with an installation of a water supply system in the Parish of Barrowby	... ..	128
Inspections in connection with a water main extension in the Barnby Lane, Claypole.	... ..	55
Inspection of Knacker's Yards	... ..	4
Survey of Council Houses	... ..	90
Verminous premises and rooms disinfested	... ..	4
Inspections in connection with Air Raid Precautions	... ..	103
Miscellaneous Inspections	... ..	146
Total		<u>4,042</u>

## NOTICES SERVED.

82 Intimation Notices or letters were sent, dealing with 73 premises, 5 Statutory Notices were served under the Public Health Acts in each instance the owner abated the nuisance without further proceedings being necessitated.

## SANITARY WORK CARRIED OUT.

The following list gives particulars of defects remedied or work carried out after the attention of the owner or occupier has been called to same.

### DWELLING HOUSES.

Houses reconditioned under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1926...	49
Roofs and Chimneys repaired ... ..	36
Rain-water guttering renewed or repaired ... ..	52
Windows repaired or made to open ... ..	23
Improved lighting ... ..	84
Walls and ceilings repaired ... ..	63
Firegrates, cooking ranges renewed or repaired ... ..	26
Floors repaired ... ..	52
Doors and staircases repaired ... ..	13
New coppers provided ... ..	33
Washing accommodation provided ... ..	27
Dampness remedied ... ..	6
New paving provided ... ..	34
New Sculleries provided ... ..	21
Food stores repaired and ventilated ... ..	14
Food stores provided ... ..	40
New baths provided ... ..	19
Miscellaneous repairs ... ..	18
New sinks provided ... ..	3

### DRAINS.

Drains unstopped, trapped or repaired ... ..	8
Houses and premises redrained ... ..	41

### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Insanitary premises abolished ... ..	21
New P.C. pails provided ... ..	24
New P.C. apartments erected ... ..	3
New Pedestal W.C. Basins fixed ... ..	2
P.C. apartments repaired ... ..	10

### COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Drainage provided ... ..	3
Dairies and Cowsheds cleansed and limewashed ... ..	14
Cowshed floors repaired ... ..	4
Cowsheds reconstructed ... ..	6
Accumulations of manure removed ... ..	11

## HOUSING 1938.

**1.—Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year :**

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	277
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ... ..	526
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ...	301
(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose ... ..	405
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	7
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	214

**2.—Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices.**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. . . . .	75
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**3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.***A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ... ..	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil

*B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied after service of formal notices ... ..	5
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after services of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ... ..	5
(b) By Local Authority in default of owner ... ..	Nil



*C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	5
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	10

*D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.*

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	..	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	Nil

**4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV. Overcrowding.**

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	30
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein ... ..	30
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein ... ..	217
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ..	Nil
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ..	7
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases ... ..	49
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil
(e)		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... ..	Nil

**HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.**

A good deal of intensive housing work has been carried out during the past year, with satisfactory results as will be seen by the improvements and repairs executed, and a large number of houses have been completely reconditioned with the assistance of a grant under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts.

A large amount of housing work still remains and I hope to make a detailed housing survey of the district during the coming year, in order that some form of programme may be drawn up and the work progress systematically.

5 Demolition Orders have been made during the year and 10 houses demolished.

## HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACT, 1926.

There has been a noticeable increase in work under this Act, the reconditioning of 49 houses having been completed, compared with 31 in 1937. Grants amounting to £2,652/3/4 have also been approved in connection with 29 dwellings during the year which is an average grant of £91/9/1 per house.

The benefits of this Act are advertised in the district and when notices requiring housing repairs are served, details of it are forwarded to the Owner concerned, with the result that very frequently complete reconditioning is proceeded with instead of the bare housing repairs intimated as requiring attention.

## WATER SUPPLY.

Water Supply continues to be one of the chief public health problems in the district and has called for a great deal of attention both from the Council and my Department. One of the striking points appears to be the awakening interest of the general public in the need for a pure wholesome water supply provided under pressure to their individual houses, and with this view in mind requests have been received that the Council would prepare schemes of water supply for the parishes of Ingoldsby, Ropsley, South Witham, Fulbeck, Lenton and Old Somerby. The consideration of these matters and the formulation of schemes is now in hand.

The year under review has been one subject to periods of drought, resulting in the heaviest call to date upon the water-cart supplying the parishes of Long Bennington, Westborough and Dry Doddington with water for drinking purposes, which supply has continued during the whole of the year.

A good move forward has been made in the execution and completion of the scheme for the supply of water from the Grantham Water Co.'s mains to the parish of Barrowby. This was completed in September last, when the public were able to commence drawing water from the various standpipes erected in the Village. 13 Connections had been made to private premises by the end of the year.



During the year 7 Connections have been made to the Colsterworth Water Supply System, which has continued in proper order.

The springs and water supply systems of Ancaster and Sudbrook have continued satisfactorily throughout the year.

The pressure of the supply of water delivered by the Newark Corporation to the mains supplying Claypole, Stubton and Fenton has considerably increased due to the enlargement of the supply main by the Newark Corporation, and the supply to these parishes has been maintained satisfactorily.

During the year an extension of the water main was made to the Holme Barn Farm, and this farm together with 8 other premises have connected up to it.

The method of charging for the water consumed in these three parishes has been under revision and a new scale of charges with the provision of meters to farm supplies is to come into force on the 1st April, 1939.

The supply of water from the old system in the parish of Ropsley was carefully examined during the year and a scheme for its reconstruction was drawn up. The supply on analysis was found to be impure, with the result that the question of a Regional Scheme of supply to the parishes of Old Somerby, Ropsley, Ingoldsby, Lenton and Boothby is now under consideration. In all these a pure and wholesome supply under pressure is needed. The people of Ropsley were advised to boil the water before drinking it, and a temporary system of chlorination was installed as additional safeguard.

## SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The need for a modern water carriage system of sewage disposal in the larger villages becomes more pressing and requests have been made by the parishes of Colsterworth, and Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir that disposal schemes should be prepared. These were under consideration at the end of the year.

A scheme is in preparation for the construction of a sewage disposal works at Skillington, this will be a great improvement on completion, the existing sewer dyke being abolished.

The small disposal plant at Hough-on-the-Hill continues satisfactorily.

The Claypole and Barrowby Disposal Works are still unsatisfactory as stated in my last Annual Report, it is hoped to carry out some improvements to those at Barrowby during the coming summer.

The various septic tanks and sewer dykes have been cleansed from time to time as found necessary.

### REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The question of refuse disposal is one which is making itself felt over the whole district, and there is no doubt that if some form of collection could be instituted many of the accumulations of refuse in roadside ditches and on spare pieces of land, which are most difficult to prevent, would not occur.

In two parishes, Caythorpe and Fulbeck a quarterly system of collection of tins has been commenced, and has proved of great value to these villages. It is hoped that the other larger villages in the district will shortly do likewise.

The system of parish collecting dumps for tins has continued and operated fairly satisfactorily.

In a number of parishes the need for the removal of night soil is felt and in two instances this matter is being considered alternatively to the construction of a sewage disposal system.

### VERMINOUS DWELLING HOUSES.

Only 4 houses were found to be verminous and steps were at once taken to disinfest them by means of fumigation and a vermicide spray. These methods proved satisfactory and the vermin were eradicated.

### FOOD SUPPLY.

The total number of registered and licensed slaughterhouses in the district is 37, no new ones having been licensed during the

year. In one instance application was made for premises to be licensed but this was refused owing to their unsuitability. All the premises have been kept in a satisfactory condition and every effort was made to inspect as large a percentage of the animals slaughtered as possible.

Legal proceedings were instituted against a butcher for slaughtering in unlicensed premises, without giving notice of the slaughter of a beast and for killing same without being the holder of a licence to slaughter. In each instance the defendant was found guilty and fines of £2, 2/6 and £1, respectively were imposed.

During the year 612 visits were made to slaughterhouses and foodshops. The number of carcasses examined being as follows:—

Oxen	...	...	...	250
Sheep	...	...	...	203
Pigs	...	...	...	358

As a result of these inspections 2,709 lbs. of diseased or unsound meat were voluntarily surrendered, and 66 lbs. were seized and laid before a Magistrate for condemnation.

Slaughtermen in the district have generally complied with the requirements of the Slaughter of Animals Act, and all beast and sheep have been stunned by a mechanically operated instrument, also pigs where applicable.

#### KNACKERS' YARDS.

The two small Knackers' Yards were inspected from time to time and found to be satisfactory.

#### MILK SUPPLY.

352 persons are registered under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, as Milk Producers, 2 new registrations being made during the year. A large number of these premises are used by producers having few cows (under 4), and efforts have been directed to obtain improvements in the structural conditions of the sheds and milking methods amongst the bigger producers of the district.

Two firms retail Pasteurised Milk in the district.



## PETROLEUM AND CARBIDE OF CALCIUM LICENCES.

Number in force (Petroleum)	...	45
„ (Carbide)	...	5
New Petroleum Licences	...	5
„ Carbide „	...	—

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Inspections of the above were carried out as below :—

### INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupier Prosecuted.
Factories ...	—	—	—
Workshops ...	51	3	—
Workplaces ...	—	—	—
TOTAL	51	3	—

### DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector	No. of Offences.
Want of cleanliness	... 11	11	—	—
Want of Ventilation	.. —	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	... —	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors	... —	—	—	—
Other Nuisances ...	... 2	1	—	—
Sanitary accommodation	... 1	1	—	—
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts	... —	—	—	—
Illegal occupation of under- ground bakehouse	... —	—	—	—
Other Offences ...	... —	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	14	13	—	—

## COUNCIL HOUSES.

The Council now own 178 houses in various parishes of the district, all of which have been maintained in proper order. 60 houses were painted during the year.

## NEW BUILDINGS.

The following plans have been approved and buildings erected by private enterprise during the year :—

Houses erected or altered	...	71
Garages, Huts, etc. ...	...	8
Cowsheds ...	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	9









